

STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES:

Claim 1-8 of the reissue application are pending and new claims 9-46 are being added to the application by way of this preliminary amendment. Thus, claims 1-46 are now pending in the application.

Claims 1-8 of the original issued patent, directly or indirectly, each recite the presence of a switch fabric, a switch intelligence, a switch fabric proxy service, and a feature processor. The patent specification, however, repeatedly states that these elements may be separate or independent from each other or may be present in various subcombinations. The drawings likewise provide support for these elements being separate or independent from each other or being present in various subcombinations. In fact, the switch fabric proxy service recited in claim 1 was the sole limitation cited by the Examiner in the reasons for allowance.

New claims 9-10, 29-39, and 45-46 recite the switch fabric proxy service as a patentably distinct entity. The switch fabric proxy service is disclosed and described in the patent specification at, for example, col. 5, lines 6-12; col. 5, line 64 – col. 6, line 15; col. 7, lines 50-67; and col. 8, line 46 – col. 9, line 8. At col. 9, lines 63-67, the specification very clearly states that the switch fabric proxy service may be a stand-alone product supplied by a different vendor than other items such as the Call Segment Instance Service, the Facilities Service, or the Connection Management Service. The application programming interfaces are described and supported by the specification at, for example, col. 4, lines 10-43.

New claims 11-21 recite a switch fabric proxy service in combination with a switch fabric. The switch fabric proxy service is described in the specification at, for example, col. 5, lines 6-12 and col. 5, line 64 – col. 6, line 15. The switch fabric is described in numerous places in the specification, including, but not limited to col. 4, lines 1-9 and col. 5, lines 43-63. The

actual combination of the switch fabric proxy service with the switch fabric is supported by the specification at, for example, col. 5, lines 6-12 of the specification.

New claims 22-28, for example, recite the switch fabric proxy service in combination with a switch intelligence, the combination of which is discussed, for example, at col. 4, line 66 – col. 5, line 2 and col. 6, lines 1-4 of the specification. The switch intelligence is described and supported in detail in the specification at, for example, col. 3, lines 56-67; col. 4, line 64 – col. 5, line 5; col. 5, lines 43-63; and col. 9, lines 50-62. New claims 40-43 provide various recitations of the switch intelligence as supported by at least the above-referenced portions of the specification.

New claim 44 recites a feature processor of the present invention which is described in the specification at, for example, col. 4, line 63 – col. 5, line 2; col. 6, lines 57-65; col. 10, lines 12-26; and col. 10, line 47 – col. 11, line 19.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request consideration, examination, and allowance of claims 1-46.

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